



# KOSOVO



## INTRODUCTION

During the medieval period, Kosovo became the center of a Serbian Empire and saw the construction of many important Serb religious sites. Formerly part of Yugoslavia, Kosovo became independent in 2008. Demonstrating Kosovo's development into a sovereign, multi-ethnic, democratic country, the international community ended the period of Supervised Independence in 2012.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Vjosa OSMANI

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Albin KURTI

### Government Type

parliamentary republic

### Capital

Pristina

### Legislature

unicameral Assembly or Kuvendi i Kosoves/Skupstina Kosova (120 seats)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 10,887 sq km  
Land: 10,887 sq km  
Water: 0 sq km

### Climate

influenced by continental air masses resulting in relatively cold winters with heavy snowfall and hot, dry summers and autumns; Mediterranean and alpine influences create regional variation; maximum rainfall between October and December

### Natural Resources

nickel, lead, zinc, magnesium, lignite, kaolin, chrome, bauxite

as of October 2021

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

small-but-growing European economy; non-EU member but unilateral euro user; very high unemployment, especially youth; vulnerable reliance on diaspora tourism services, curtailed by COVID-19 disruptions; unclear public loan portfolio health

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$19.13 billion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$10,800 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - mineral mining, construction materials, base metals, leather, machinery, appliances, foodstuffs/beverages, textiles

**Agricultural products** - wheat, corn, berries, potatoes, peppers, fruit, dairy, livestock, fish

**Exports** \$1.69 billion (2020 est.)

mining, processed metal products, scrap metals, leather products, machinery, appliances, prepared foodstuffs, beverages, tobacco  
**partners:** Albania 16%, India 14%, North Macedonia 12%, Serbia 11%, Switzerland 6%, Germany 5% (2017)

**Imports** \$4.19 billion (2020 est.)

foodstuffs, livestock, wood, petroleum, chemicals, machinery, minerals, textiles, stone, ceramic/glass products, electrical equipment

**partners:** Germany 12%, Serbia 12%, Turkey 10%, China 9%, Italy 6%, North Macedonia 5%, Albania 5% (2017)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

1.9 million (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

0.67% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

Albanians 92.9%, Bosniaks 1.6%, Serbs 1.5%, Turk 1.1%, Ashkali 0.9%, Egyptian 0.7%, Gorani 0.6%, Romani 0.5%, other/unspecified 0.2% (2011 est.)

### Language

Albanian (official) 94.5%, Bosnian 1.7%, Serbian (official) 1.6%, Turkish 1.1%, other 0.9% (includes Romani), unspecified 0.1% (2011 est.)

### Religion

Muslim 95.6%, Roman Catholic 2.2%, Orthodox 1.5%, other 0.1%, none 0.1%, unspecified 0.6% (2011 est.)

